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The library's music CD collection relies heavily on donations. We are always in need of music CD's, and with the holiday season approaching, we are especially in need of holiday music. You may call us at 847-1566, or bring your CD donations to the front desk at any time.

While you're waiting for the Da Vinci Code

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown continues to be one of the most popular books in the library. There are six regular print copies, two large print copies, and one abridged CD in the library system, and still the holds list is l-o-n-g! As of this writing, there were 31 holds on the six regular print copies. If you are still waiting to read it, or if you enjoyed it and would like to read other books with many of the same appeal elements, you might enjoy some of the following, suggested by members of Fiction_L, an email list of lovers of fiction.

Books by Dan Brown – *Angels and Demons*, *Deception Point*

Books by other authors:

- John Case – *The Genesis Code* (mythological, religious aspect)
- Deborah Crombie mysteries, especially *A Finer End* (similar content) and *Kissed a Sad Goodbye* (history mixed with mystery)
- Clive Cussler (action element)
- Nelson DeMille (action element)
- Umberto Eco, especially *The Name of the Rose* (murder in medieval abbey) and *Foucault's Pendulum* (Templar history)
- Michael Frayn – *Headlong* (good art mystery)
- Thomas Gifford – *The Assassini* (well-written thriller about an ancient and deadly secret society, its roots deep in Church history, which takes murderous action...)
- Robert Hellenga – *The Sixteen Pleasures* (no mystery, but quest within the art/museum/library/convent world of Florence)
- Sue Monk Kidd – *The Secret Life of Bees* (the feminine divine aspect)
- Robert Ludlum – *The Icarus Agenda* (adventure aspect)
- Iain Pears (well-researched art history mysteries and thrillers)
- Lewis Perdue – *Daughter of God: A Novel of Art and Faith*

- Jonathan Rabb – *The Book of Q*, and *The Overseer* (religious conspiracy aspect)
- Daniel Silva – *The Confessor* (secret society within Catholic Church)
- Barbara Wood – *The Prophetess* (feminine divine, suppression by Catholic Church)

Farewell to Two Super Volunteers @ YOUR LIBRARY™

We recently bid farewell to two of our volunteers. Doug Small volunteered at the main library for several years. He began by helping patrons with their computer questions and later was responsible for initiating several film series. He and his wife will be moving to eastern Virginia this fall.

Tina Metzger began at the main library as an intern about a year ago. She worked at the reference desk as part of her library/information science course work at the University of Tennessee. Upon earning her Master's Degree in the spring, she stayed on at the reference desk as a volunteer. Having Tina at the desk gave the reference staff some much-needed flexibility. Tina was recently hired by the Forest Library.

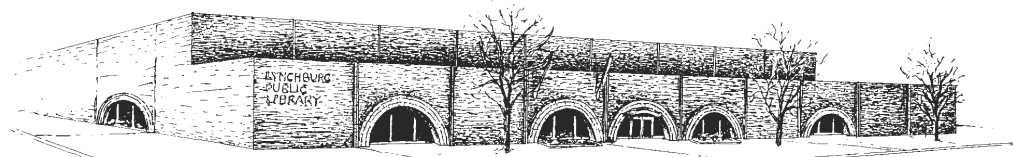
We are happy to have worked with both Doug and Tina and wish them well.

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Main Library to Close November 10-12

The Main Library will be closed Monday, November 10 through Wednesday, November 12 in order that a new circulation desk may be installed. The Downtown Branch Library will be closed Tuesday, November 11 so that staff can join all staff in an all-day training session.

As always, both libraries will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, and Thanksgiving Friday, November 28.

You may have noticed that some of our renovations have already been completed. The walls on the adult side of the library are sporting a fresh coat of paint, and we have new corkboards in the copier area and in the restroom alcove. The bulletin boards are used to inform library users of activities going on throughout the community. Nonprofit agencies are welcome to post notices and posters. Please have them approved at the reference desk first. We will also post special church activities, but not regularly scheduled services as the bulletin board would be quickly overwhelmed with the number of churches we have in Lynchburg!

Information 24/7 @ YOUR LIBRARY™

Where can you find the Periodic Table of the Elements, the text of the speech Martin Luther King, Jr. gave at E.C. Glass High School in 1962, sample resumes, information on how to write a grant, step-by-step information on home improvement projects, a recipe for that new bread machine, guides to writing term papers, a plethora of statistics on Virginia and just about any other subject you can think of, and much more? That must be a pretty BIG book! It's not a book – it's the Lynchburg Public Library's web page. We have scouted the web for information that you might find useful and provided links to topics ranging from the arts to home schooling to senior citizens. Go to the library's web page at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary. Click on the link for "Databases and Other Electronic Resources" and then click on "Internet Links." Be prepared to spend a lot of time exploring these interesting and informative websites covering a variety of subjects. And to add to their usefulness, they are available 24/7!

If you have not yet made use of the **Find It Virginia** databases, you can also explore the many topics covered there. From the library's home page, click on "Databases and Other Electronic Resources," and with a library card from any public library in Virginia, you can access

- **Big Chalk**, a database containing full-text newspapers and magazines, as well as reference books, transcripts of radio and television news programs, pictures, and maps.

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New Year's Day

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Parents and Puzzles @ YOUR LIBRARY™

Do you remember the excitement that went along with the rumble of puzzle pieces in a box as you opened it for the first time or when you were taking it off the shelf for the 100th time? Did you ever wonder about the who, why or where behind jigsaw puzzles? Here are the pieces that put together their history.

“For the purpose of teaching geography,” John Spilsbury, a teacher in England, created the first jigsaw puzzle in the year 1767. Adhering his maps to flat hardwood, he used a fine saw to cut along the borders of the European countries, and the jigsaw puzzle was born. Soon, people began making pictorial jigsaw puzzles. Their purpose was to entertain rather than to teach. The pieces in these early puzzles were not interlocking. Not until the invention of power tools more than a century later did jigsaw puzzles with fully interlocking pieces come into being. Source: www.ideafinder.com

Today the jigsaw puzzle remains a popular pastime where families and friends can gather together and spend quality time. Here are the important roles you play when sharing a puzzle with a child.

- Encourage the child to solve the puzzle independently.
- Observe and guide the child with open-ended questions.
- Help the child strategize ways to figure out the puzzle.
- Give the child plenty of time to experiment and discover solutions.
- Encourage the child to test other ideas if the first one doesn't work.
- Recognize and praise even modest attempts at solving the puzzle.

- Communicate that although the puzzle may sometimes be hard, the important thing is to keep trying.

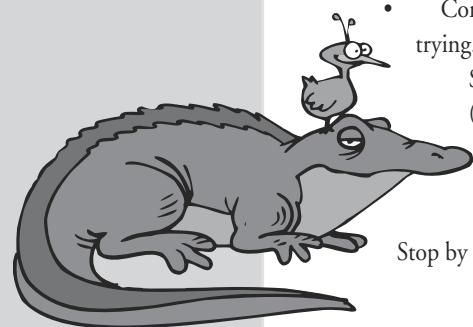
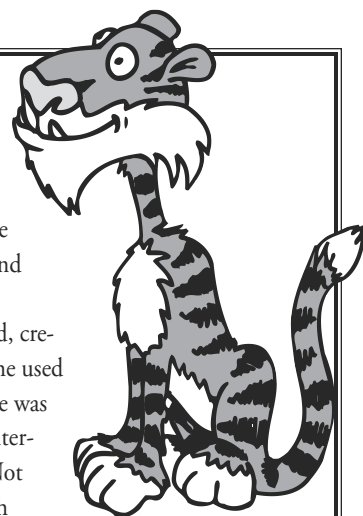
Source: Martha Bronson, “The Right Stuff—Selecting Play Materials to Support Development” (National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1995)

The bottom line:

“It's fun to do puzzles together and they help young children prepare for reading.”

The Youth Services Department has many children's puzzles available for use **in the library**. Stop by and piece together a life-size tiger or alligator, if you dare!

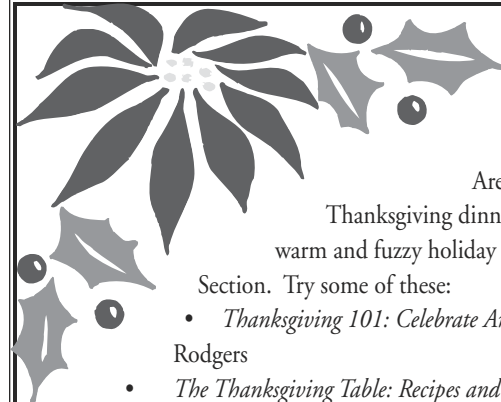
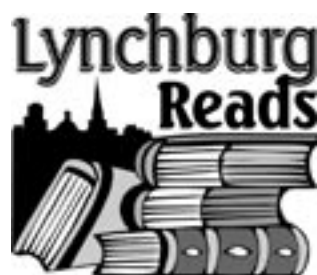
Lorry Risinger, Youth Service Coordinator, 847-1717



Lynchburg Reads – Book for 2004 Chosen

The book for **Lynchburg Reads** 2004 will be *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* by Sharyn McCrumb. Based on a true story, the novel weaves the historical tale of Frankie Silver, accused of murdering her husband on a cold December night in 1831, and the fictional tale of modern day Sheriff Spencer Arrowwood of east Tennessee, recalling a murder case at which he testified over 20 years ago. The themes of poverty and justice are explored within an Appalachian setting. The library has added several extra copies of the book and has copies of related materials, *The Untold Story of Frankie Silver: Was She Unjustly Hanged?* by Perry Deane Young, *From a Race of Storytellers: Essays on the Ballad Novels of Sharyn McCrumb* by Kimberley M. Holloway, and the video *The Ballad of Frankie Silver: Reflections on a Murder*.

Sharyn McCrumb will appear at Randolph-Macon Woman's College on Thursday, April 22, 2004 at 7:30 PM. She will speak on *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* and her other Ballad Novels, and will be accompanied by Jack Hinshelwood, an award-winning guitarist. Mr. Hinshelwood won First Place in Knoxville World's Fair Guitar Companionship and the Galax Fiddler's Convention Guitar Contest and, in 1995, won a handmade Henderson guitar for the First Place in the Wayne Henderson Guitar Championship. The library and local bookstores will be scheduling other events around Sharyn McCrumb's appearance. More details will be available later.



Holiday Books @ YOUR LIBRARY™

Are you looking for a book to help to cook a delicious and memorable Thanksgiving dinner, one to put you in the Christmas or Chanukah spirit, or just a warm and fuzzy holiday read? All the adult holiday books are now shelved in our Holiday

Section. Try some of these:

- *Thanksgiving 101: Celebrate America's Favorite Holiday with America's Thanksgiving Expert* by Rick Rodgers
- *The Thanksgiving Table: Recipes and Ideas to Create Your Own Holiday Tradition* by Diane Morgan
- *A Gift of Sharing: In Celebration of Christmas and Chanukah*, edited by Deborah Raffin
- *The Winter Solstice: The Sacred Traditions of Christmas* by John Matthews
- *Ultimate Christmas* by Jane Newdick
- *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci
- *The Hired Man's Christmas* by George Givens
- And, of course, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

Book Review - The Lake of Dead Languages by Carol Goodman

The Lake of Dead Languages will appeal to a variety of reading tastes. It's a mystery, to be sure, but it's so much more! The story is set at Heart Lake School, a private girls' school in the Adirondack Mountains of New York, and the reader can almost feel the icy air blowing off the frozen lake. Jane Hudson, a graduate of the school, has returned twenty years later to teach Latin. She is aware of the legend of the lake – how the founder's three daughters drowned in it and now lure other students to their death in its icy depths. She thought she was the only one who knew that when she was a student there two of her contemporaries drowned in the lake, but someone else knows. That someone has found Jane's student journal and is using it to frighten Jane and to possibly implicate her in what may become more student drownings. Jane attempts to piece together what really happened during her school days, and what is happening now. Is history repeating itself, or is someone trying to make it seem that way?

The book is highly readable as a mystery and as a work of literature and would make an excellent choice for a book discussion group. Best read while wrapped in a favorite afghan and sipping some hot chocolate to keep out the frozen lake's chill!

Information 24/7 @ YOUR LIBRARY™ *continued from front page*

- **Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module**, a database containing magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, definitions, directories, and information on a variety of health topics.
- **InfoTrac**, ten full-text databases for both adults and children, including Contemporary Literary Criticism, and Business and Company Resource Center.
- **SIRS Discoverer on the Web**, full-text articles geared toward elementary and middle school-age children.
- **SIRS Knowledge Source**, thousands of full-text articles and graphics on almost any topic from SIRS reference databases.
- And more!

Find It Virginia is being provided free to all citizens of Virginia by the Library of Virginia with funding from the Library Services & Technology Act program.

If you don't have a computer at home, you may access the library's web page and all its links and databases from the library's computers.



Congratulations to Our Community Teens!

We are proud to announce that 185 teens participated in the library's Teen Summer Reading Program: **Read and Rescue**. For each book the teens read this summer, they earned \$1.00 for the animals at the Lynchburg Humane Society (LHS).

As a result, their efforts raised \$695.00. This money will enable many animals to enjoy a little more time and comfort while waiting for a loving home. The Friends of the Library who wanted to sponsor a program that would benefit both our community's teens as well as the animals at the LHS provided the funding.

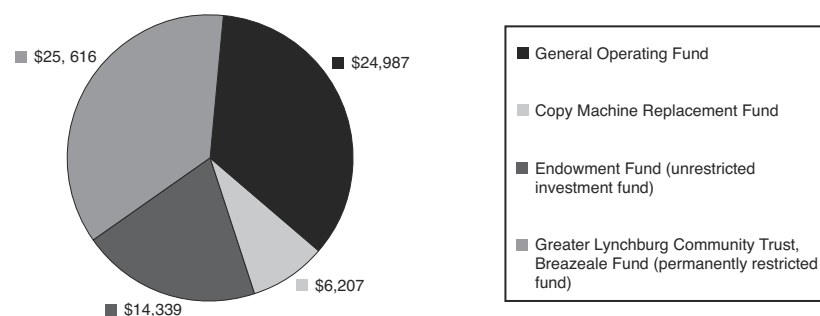
This is the fifth year that **Read and Rescue** has been offered to the teens and each year they have responded with willingness and enthusiasm. In addition, they enhanced their reading skills by reading through the summer months. Everyone is a winner!

*Lorry Risinger,
Youth Services Coordinator
847-1717*



at the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, established last year, provides funds for library-provided programs and activities on Southern history and culture and to support the Friends operating Budget. The *Donna Hladik Smith Born to Read Fund*, also at the Community Trust, provides funds to buy books for new-borns at Virginia Baptist hospital (2500 in 2003), and is administered by library staff.

FRIEND'S FUND SUMMARY



items are used by the library; others are placed on the sale table, which generated \$6,000 in income last year. Attorney Tracey Shaw of Edmunds and Williams assisted in preparing a *Resolution of Understanding* to guide this new relationship. These funds will be used to meet a variety of library needs.

As you can see, over the past 40 years the Friends has grown into a complex organization, all the while maintaining its focus on supporting the provision of quality library service to our community. The Board has been energized and encouraged by its membership who have been so generous in their support and by the support of individual members of the community who helped guide the organization over the past 38 years.

Friends Board Meeting Schedule

The meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows: Tuesday, November 11, 2003; Tuesday, January 13, 2004; and Tuesday, March 9, 2004, all from 12 noon until 1:30 in the community meeting room of the Library. The annual meeting will take place in conjunction with the Lynchburg Reads program featuring Sharyn McCrumb author of "The Ballad of Frankie Silver" on April 22, 2004. All members are welcome.

Respectfully,

Ellen G. Nygaard
President, Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library

Friends web address: www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary/Friends.htm



NEWSLETTER

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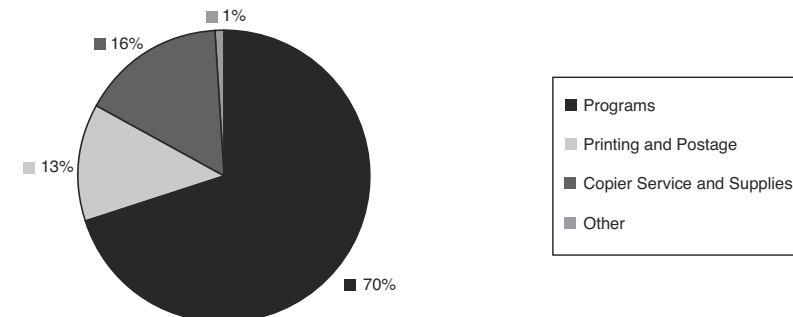
Dear Friends,

In 2006, the Friends will celebrate 40 years of continuing service to the library and our community. I am pleased to report that the organization has been a good steward of the resources entrusted to it and is well prepared to face the challenges ahead.

The library needs our support now more than ever. In the present climate of uncertainty in government funding, the Friends support is vital if the library is to continue to provide a variety of services to users of all ages.

The Friends membership is at an all-time high: 524 - with 188 of these Life Members. Our Budget in FY 2003 was \$25,200 and realized an unprecedented surplus. The lion's share of the Budget went to the library to support the adult book collection (\$2,000) and the youth Summer Reading Program (\$2,000, which helped reach 3,400 children); Lynchburg Reads *The Color of Water* (\$500, with 1,000 persons involved); the Volunteer Program (\$12,000, which supported 100 volunteers who gave 4,000 hours). The Friends also made a capital purchase by providing the public with 2 brand new copy machines (50,000+ copies made).

FRIEND'S BUDGET FY 2003



We have been so successful that the operating Budget now annually surpasses the \$25,000 threshold for non-profit groups being required to file a federal tax return (a two-edged sword!). Thanks to the advice and counsel of Amy Ray and Susan Ackley of Brown Edwards Company, a new financial reporting system was developed and they volunteered to assist with the tax filings. In addition to the annual operating Budget, the Friends also maintain the Endowment Fund (an unrestricted investment fund), which suffered losses mirroring the general economic climate, but is now rebounding. The *Mary R. Breazeale Fund*